

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

**Lenten/Eastertide Study, 9:30 a.m. Sundays from February 25 – May 6**, led by Pastor Katie, focuses on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which "provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers."

**Lenten Soup & Bread Lunch** following worship each Sunday through March 25. You are invited to give to One Great Hour of Sharing at the Lenten Lunches in the donation cans on the tables what you might spend if you went out for lunch

**Easter Lilies** - If you would like to order an Easter lily to be used in the church on Easter Sunday and then take it home after service, please go to Pam's Flower's on The Plaza. The cost is \$24.99; the last day to order is Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. You can let the office know whom you want to remember or honor and we will print the dedications in the Easter bulletin.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) provides funds for those affected by natural disasters—restoring hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%; reducing hunger through Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%; and partnering in progress through Self-Development of People 32%. You are invited to give to OGHS at the Lenten Lunches following worship Feb. 25 through March 25 in the donation cans on the tables what you might spend if you went out for lunch. You may also contribute by check with OGHS on the memo line or with an OGHS envelope in the offering plate.

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Corky & Pat Halverson, Ruth Hazelton, and Bryan Johnson and for Las Placitas Presbyterian Church (1894). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

##### **Monday, March 12**

7:00 a.m. - I&S at Charlie's

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

3:30 p.m. - JOT

##### **Tuesday, March 13**

7:00 a.m. – Community Life at Charlie's

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

5:15 p.m. - Deep & Wide Contemplative Service – Mission Church

##### **Wednesday, March 14**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

*The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by  
Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and dedicated to the glory of God.*

*Church Office: 505-425-7763*

*Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 505-231-1923*

*March Elder of the Month – Van Swan – 505-425-6923*

*March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457*

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701  
March 11, 2018

### **VOICES AT THE GATE**



### **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – *I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.*—Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** One Great Hour of Sharing Karyl Lyne

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

*(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 145:10-13)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord

**And all your faithful shall bless you.**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power

**To make known to all people the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

**And your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**\* OPENING HYMN** STF #2018 *Honor and Praise*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY** (from Ephesians 1:7-8)  
*We remember that, before we confess and no matter what we confess to God, we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy.*

Leader: Christ lavishes grace upon us, and in that grace, we have redemption and forgiveness!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from workingpreacher.org)

**God of Truth, Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** STF #2200 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.**

**Come and listen to me.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** John 18:28-40

**SERMON** *Choosing Truth*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

PH #324 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

**WE SEAL GOD'S WORD.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** PH #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Communion will be served by intinction.*

*Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.*

*Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.*

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Gracious God, in this meal we have opened ourselves to your truth: that you love us and give yourself for us; that you nourish us and strengthen us to share your truth with others. Send us forth from this meal eager to proclaim you and eager to serve each other as brothers and sisters in your family. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**A Dios el Padre celestial;**

**Al Hijo nuestro redentor**

**Y al eternal Consolador,**

**Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

(The people respond to each petition with "*Hear our prayer*")

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** GTG #746 *Send Me, Jesus* (on insert)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – D.R. Palmer

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Karyl Lyne/Linda Solyntjes

*Communion is offered each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through September. We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.*